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To require the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Commerce to submit reports to Congress on the commercial and passenger vehicle traffic at certain points of entry, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 6, 2007

Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. KYL, and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Border Wait Times
5 Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7 The purposes of this Act are to analyze—

1 (1) the traffic patterns of commercial and pas-
2 senger vehicles at international land ports of entry
3 along the northern and southern borders of the
4 United States;

5 (2) the volume and wait times of commercial
6 and passenger vehicles entering and exiting the
7 United States at such land ports of entry since
8 2000;

9 (3) how staffing levels have affected wait times
10 at such land ports of entry since 2000; and

11 (4) the impact of the activities described in
12 paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) on the economic impact
13 on commerce in international border communities,
14 border States, and the United States.

15 **SEC. 3. STUDY OF TRAFFIC PATTERNS AT LAND PORTS OF**
16 **ENTRY.**

17 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Transpor-
18 tation, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Se-
19 curity, shall conduct a study of the traffic patterns of com-
20 mercial and passenger vehicles entering and exiting the
21 United States at international land ports of entry along
22 the northern and southern borders.

23 (b) **MATTERS COVERED.**—The study required under
24 subsection (a) shall include an analysis of—

1 (1) traffic volume and wait times of commercial
2 and passenger vehicles at international land ports of
3 entry along the northern and southern borders of
4 the United States since 2000; and

5 (2) how staffing levels at such ports of entry for
6 the United States along these borders have affected
7 wait times since 2000.

8 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
10 tation shall submit a report to Congress that describes the
11 findings of the study required under subsection (a).

12 **SEC. 4. STUDY ON THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TRAFFIC AT**
13 **LAND PORTS OF ENTRY.**

14 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Commerce,
15 in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security,
16 shall conduct a study regarding of the negative economic
17 impact, if any, on the United States of wait times at the
18 international land ports of entry referred to in section 3.

19 (b) MATTERS COVERED.—The study required under
20 subsection (a) shall include an analysis of such economic
21 impact—

22 (1) with respect to the volume of commercial
23 and passenger vehicles since 2000; and

24 (2) on the United States, including on border
25 States and communities.

1 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce
3 shall submit a report to Congress that describes the find-
4 ings of the study required under subsection (a).

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